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## Traffic poses hazard, say students

BY SUZANNE ALLEN  
STAFF WRITER

**H**eavy traffic and near accidents on Duquesne Road have prompted students and faculty alike to petition for a crosswalk.

Many parking lots are filling to capacity. One example of this occurs near Taylor Hall, where students now use the gravel lot located on the east side of Duquesne Road and walk across the busy four-lane street to their classes.

Donna Michael, a senior education major, attempted to cross Duquesne and said she came close to being hit by an oncoming car. This incident, along with many others, has generated concern for a safer crossing.

"It's dangerous," said Melissa Wood, a senior education major. "It's ridiculous how some cars come whipping over that hill."

More than 200 students and faculty members have expressed their concerns via a petition to find a solution to this problem.

Ed Wuch, associate professor of education, has talked with the area Department of Welfare concerning the crosswalk situation.

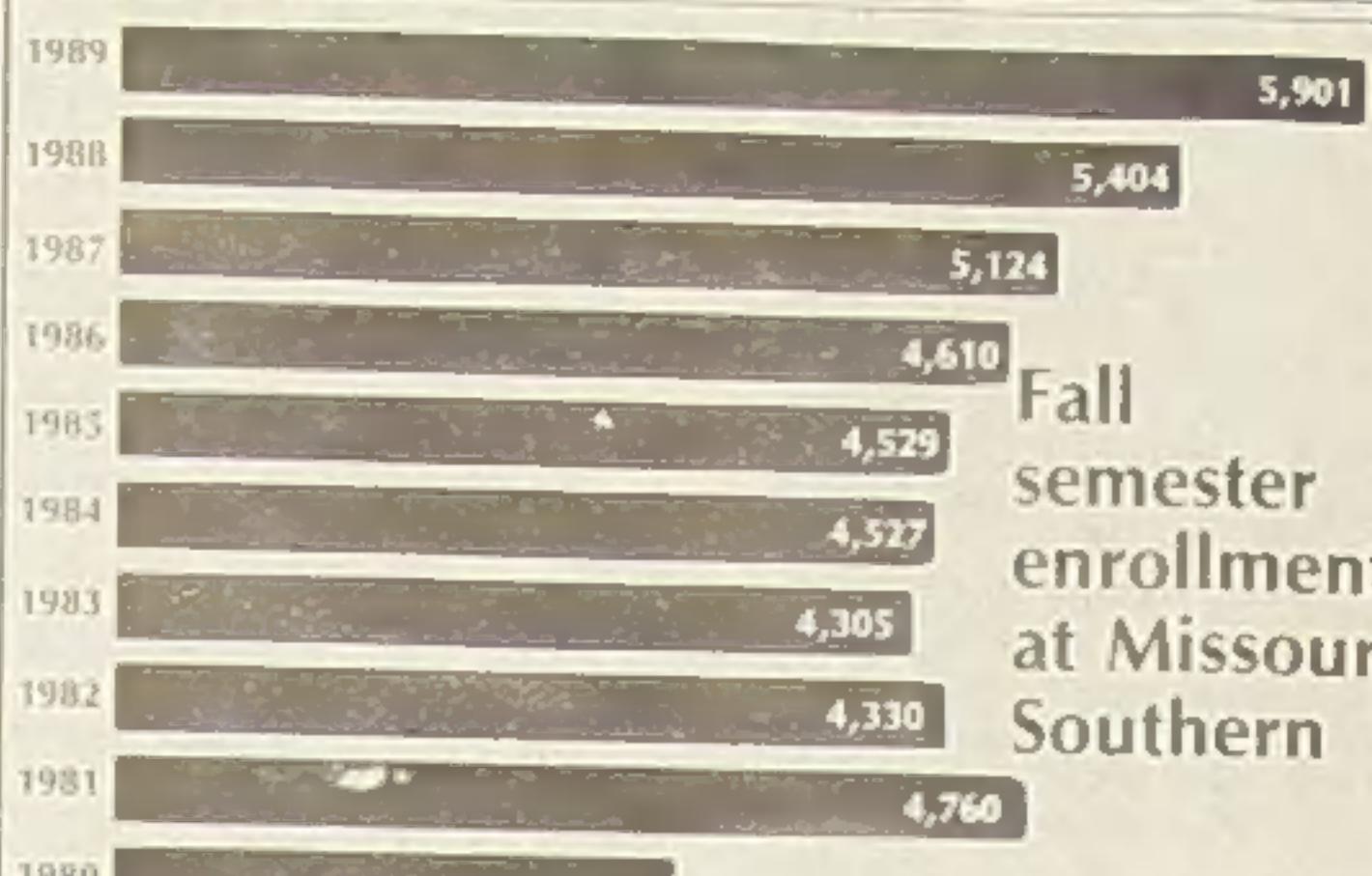
"You take your life into your hands," he said.

Wuch said the speed limit needs to be reduced and a crosswalk should be placed on Duquesne.

Since Duquesne is a city road, Harold McCoy, director of public works, will decide if a crosswalk is needed there.

"We'll have the decision of the crosswalk in a week," said Dr. John Tiede, vice president for business affairs.

## The numbers are rising



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### Fall semester enrollment at Missouri Southern

## Building projects top Regents' agenda, says Smith

BY JIMMY L. SEXTON  
MANAGING EDITOR

**C**iting three major facility projects, newly elected Board of Regents President Russell Smith heads into the present academic year with a bright forecast and a full slate of "concerned topics" for the Board.

The first project that immediately comes to mind is definitely the new communications building," said Smith. "The current facilities are obviously very inadequate, and it's very, very important that we get a communications building. This building is very integral to the growth of Missouri Southern.

"I know the fact that we have a hole in the ground is a help to us because when Sen. [Richard] Webster [R-Carthage] is in

a position to discuss the matter further in January, he's going to be able to mention the fact that we're already mid-way into the project and we need to get on with completing the project with the recommended funding."

Smith believes Webster is "very much interested" in getting the project completed, and he fully expects "something to happen" concerning the new building sometime next year.

With Missouri Southern's record enrollment at the 6,000 mark, Smith said it is time for the College to make a decision concerning the recruitment of in-state and out-of-state students.

"The College is vastly running out of facilities to house its students," said Smith, "and we're going to have to decide if we want to keep recruiting those out-of-state

## Enrollment tops 6,000

*Southern sees 37% increase in five years*

**E**nrollment at Missouri Southern has hit another all-time high, marking the fifth straight year the College has seen a record increase.

A total of 6,026 are enrolled in classes for the fall semester. Official census figures are tabulated after the fourth week of classes.

The figures show a total of 5,901 students taking classes for credit and 125 taking courses with credit. The 5,901 credit students count represents a 9.2 percent increase over last fall's record enrollment of 5,404.

Full-time students accounted for most of the increase as 3,685 full-time students enrolled this fall, a 10.9 percent increase over 1988.

The number of part-time students is 2,216, a 6.4 percent increase when compared to last fall.

"We were very excited [two years ago] to reach the 5,000," Leon said. "We did not even think we would reach that. Obviously, we're very pleased. Not many colleges have grown that fast."

The new enrollment figures indicate a 37 percent increase over the past five years.

There is an awareness among the general public both in the four-state area and in the state of Missouri of the quality that this institution represents," Leon said. "If you couple good faculty and good facilities with good programs, people can see the outstanding value."

Leon attributes the rise in part to the growth of southwest Missouri.

"This is the fastest-growing area in Missouri," he said. "That has something to do with the increase."

dorms, we really need to be looking at a new facility for an activities center with a dining hall and that sort of thing."

He said the new residence hall does not really tackle the issue concerning the shortage of housing space. But he remembers the "good thing" Southern did two years ago.

We restricted on-campus housing to just juniors and seniors, so that all incoming freshmen and some sophomores could be housed on campus," he said. "That was a good move, and it has given us an opportunity to bring in a number of people from around the state and outside the state that we couldn't have fit in the dormitories otherwise. We're at the point now

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## Bill would try to end course duplication

*Leon sees Caskey's 'Higher Education Fund' as providing a 'modest' increase*

BY CHRISTOPHER A. CLARK  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

**A** legislator looking to cure Missouri higher education ills has come up with yet another bill to give colleges more money.

Sen. Harold Caskey (D-Butler) is proposing a bill designed to allocate approximately \$73 million to the state's colleges and universities. Caskey's proposal is an "incentive bill" designed to induce cooperation from institutions before they can receive funds.

The plan is intended to help end duplication of programs among the state's institutions. The state would reward institutions who have eliminated duplicative programs with monies generated via a \$43 million surtax on individual income taxes and a \$30 million surtax on corporate income taxes.

Under Caskey's plan, called "Higher Education Fund for the 21st Century," the Coordinating Board for Higher Education would decide which colleges and universities get the money.

The proposal calls for 50 percent of the

money to be used for new programs, 25 percent for financial aid programs, and the remaining 25 percent targeted for institutional research programs.

Caskey, chairman of the Senate Education Committee, said he is concerned that the state's colleges and universities have not been meeting the needs of business and industry and that the areas of research and development are not as strong as they could be.

An institution unwilling to cooperate with the Board in eliminating duplicative programs could still continue to receive state funding for operating expenses which are approved annually by the General Assembly, according to Caskey.

"My plan might be considered radical by some, but it would allow those schools that want to change to do so," Caskey said. "Those colleges and universities that want to continue as they are could also do so."

Caskey said it would be the job of the CBHE to develop a comprehensive plan for state schools. The Board's plan would suggest how schools could better meet the state's needs by eliminating some programs and adding others.

College President Julio Leon calls the \$73 million generated through Caskey's plan "modest," but said any plan that works to aid higher education is "encouraging." Last spring, many bills were proposed that would have given Missouri institutions, in one instance, as much as \$310 million.

"Certainly we appreciate any attempt by anybody to provide additional funds for higher education," Leon said. "It tries to follow along the same lines that some of the bills last year tried to do, although it is modest in comparison."

The bill is another indication that the feeling is there that something needs to be done for higher education.

Caskey conceded that many Missourians may not be in favor of a tax hike.

"It's a question of demonstrating the need to the taxpayers," he said.

Caskey is banking on institutions to help him out. Duplication of courses has caused arguments among legislators, and Caskey said needless programs will have to be eliminated before taxpayers see the need for a tax increase.

## Nemko suggests retreat to study core curriculum

BY JOHN FORD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**L**ast week's visit to Missouri Southern by Dr. Martin Nemko, a widely known educational consultant, was deemed "useful" and "beneficial" by College President Julio Leon.

"It is sometimes useful to have someone from the outside looking inside," Leon said. "In that context, for the students to be exposed to the way that he saw the College, I think it was beneficial."

During his visit here, Nemko spoke to members of the administrative council and stressed a lack of emphasis on the core curriculum. He proposed that all faculty and administrators go on a voluntary retreat for the purpose of identifying how the group felt about the core curriculum and how it could be better applied to college life at Southern.

According to Nemko's plan, those who attended the retreat would pair up to develop individual action plans, while progress of these plans would be reviewed by the council approximately three times during the course of a semester.

The administrative council came up with many reasons as to why this proposal would not work. Among these:

■ Cost—many said the cost would pay another faculty member's salary or increase the current faculty morale.

■ Standardization of core curriculum courses is needed.

■ Time—many thought the retreat would take them from more pressing duties.

■ Each department serves the core differently.

■ Southern already supports the core.

Nemko said an undeclared major provides emphasis on core curriculum subjects, but nationally was held in low regard. The council said non-traditional students would not need the exploratory courses and are already focused on a major. It also said upper-division courses could provide some of a student's core curriculum.

Nemko said Southern was better than 90 percent of other colleges in its design and implementation of a core curriculum. According to Leon, Southern's concentration on undergraduate studies is an advantage over many Ivy League schools.

"Southern specializes in undergraduate education, so we do not have a graduate school, a law school, or a medical school to distract us from the task of instructing undergraduate students," Leon said. "In an Ivy League school, most of the attention goes to graduate studies, while undergraduate education gets slighted."

Here, what we do best is undergraduate education. Consequently, students can come to Missouri Southern and have

well-qualified instructors teaching their courses from their freshmen year until they're seniors. Consequently, our College has a small-college atmosphere."

One of the points Nemko discussed in a convocation last Thursday in Matthews Hall was whether colleges should have an open admissions policy. While admissions at Southern are more lenient than at an Ivy League school, Leon said Southern did not have an open admissions policy.

"Right now, an ACT composite score of 10 is required for admission at Southern," said Leon. "Next year, we'll increase the minimum to 12 on the ACT, and then the minimum will be increased to 15."

During the convocation, Nemko said freshmen were not prepared for college life.

"I do not believe open admissions serve anybody well," he told a standing-room-only crowd of students and faculty.

"When a college moves from an open admissions policy to placing limits on admissions, such as Missouri Southern has done, the college still has an obligation to ensure some degree of access," Leon said. "We must demand a certain amount of preparation for college."

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**Nemko, page 2**

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK COBLE

Student Senate elections were held yesterday at Billingsly Student Center, but the issue drawing maximum interest had nothing to do with politics. Shown above is Lance Williams casting not only his vote for candidates for Senate, but also for whether the College should have condom machines installed on campus. A producer of condoms approached the Senate about installing the machines. Opinion results were not available at press time.

Voting on a loaded ballot

**□ Smith/From Page 1**

that if we had a few more dorms, we could bring in many more students."

With \$450,000 estimated for the cost of the new residence hall, project funding will come from revenue bonds and the fees residence hall students pay to live on campus.

"The initial project is the 40-student dorm," said Smith. "Naturally we'll get that taken care of this year, and hopefully by the fall of next year we'll have completed one dormitory to house 40 students."

A possible future project may house more than 200 students and include a cafeteria and an activities building. Smith looks for this to be a long-term project, but he said it is certainly "something any foresighted regent has to be looking at."

Envisioning \$8 million to construct a 200-student residence hall containing food and social facilities, Smith said Southern may be looking at an increase in the overall residence hall fees in order to cover a portion of the cost for the building.

He said, "I don't really expect the approach to be in a tremendously large increase of fees. We'd like to keep that down as much as possible. The key thing is you have to time something like this in such a way you have the ability to go out and get the money you need, because the state will not provide any money, to my knowledge, for the construction of new dormitories."

According to Smith, however, the fact remains that Southern cannot keep adding new residence halls without considering a new cafeteria. As the College continues its record-breaking pace of attracting more students, "the Billingsly Student Center just doesn't have the ability to handle it all."

The third major project on the Board's agenda is one that Smith believes is more than mere talk.

"I think we're going to see a lot of activity on this during the course of the year," he said, "and that would be for a new fieldhouse that we've been talking about."

This would be a tremendous asset to not just Missouri Southern, but also to the entire Jasper County community," Smith added. "In that regard, it would be large enough to hold probably 7,500 to 8,000 people."

He said this type of facility holds many advantages, including the opportunity for students and faculty to work more on their physical well-being, and the opportunity for more intramural programs.

"I think it's gone beyond the stage of talk," said Smith, "because there are people who are very actively pursuing this issue, and I think it's going to be one of the major topics of discussion over the next year."

"The entire Board is very interested in all of these projects," he said.

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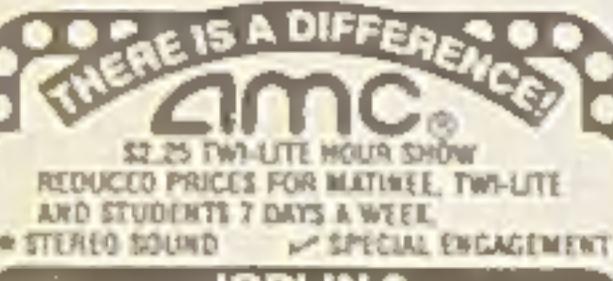
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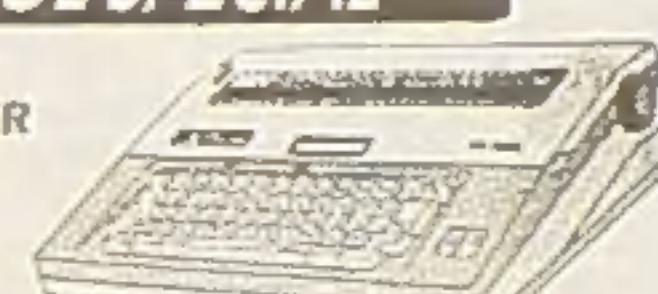
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**Babbitt to lead first teaching seminar**

BY KATY HURN  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

**P**roviding an opportunity to share the good ideas and frustrations about teaching was recently on Brian Babbitt's mind after attending several conferences on the teaching of psychology.

Babbitt, a professor of psychology at Missouri Southern, discovered during the conferences that many of the issues discussed applied to all teaching disciplines, not just psychology.

"You find a lot of the questions you're dealing with aren't really particular to the teaching of psychology," said Babbitt. "They're the kinds of issues you deal with in any teaching discipline."

Babbitt sent out surveys Sept. 8 to all faculty members in an attempt to discover how much interest there was in attending a series of informal meetings to discuss the issues.

**□ Nemko/From Page 1**

"We have to walk a line somewhere. We have to have certain standards, but we do not want these standards to be so high that we become an elitist institution."

Leon said most high school students should take four years of English, three years of mathematics, two years of both science and social sciences, and a year each of a foreign language and computer sci-

ence to adequately prepare themselves for college.

"Having all of these types of courses will help prepare the student fairly well for college," said Leon. "But if a student decides not to go to college, taking these courses will better prepare him for life."

"Every individual is capable of being prepared to go to college. Every individual has the innate capability to achieve success at the college level, but, in a lot of cases, something happened at the secondary school level and the students did not prepare themselves for college. Given the way things are changing in the world, we must have good preparation and good communication skills in order to have a high standard of living."

tor, it's always difficult to know what to do and to try and motivate a diverse group of students."

Babbitt will be conducting the first meeting, scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, in Billingsly Student Center.

Although the idea of conducting teaching seminars has been discussed among the faculty in the past, it never solidified.

Babbitt is not sure how successful the idea will turn out to be, but he has a positive outlook.

"I think there's a good chance this idea will fly," he said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

Babbitt, who described the faculty as being "pretty good resources to each other," believes seminars would be a good opportunity, if proven successful.

"It gives the faculty the chance to get together and talk about the one major thing we have in common, and that is the desire to be better teachers," he said.

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# Senate discusses COMPs

College administration revises recommendations

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the fall semester was held Monday afternoon with the writing-across-the-curriculum program and the ACT-COMP test recommendations garnering much of the discussion.

Last May, after about two years of research and debate, the Academic Policies Committee approved the new writing program and decided to introduce the proposal to the Senate this year.

"The essence of this proposal is that we would like to improve the writing of our students," said Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs. "The best way to do that is to place more writing requirements within the curriculum."

"In theory, the best way to do this is to spread this out through the entire experience of the student."

The writing-intensive program was designed so that the student will take a writing course during the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior years.

According to Belk, representatives from each of Missouri Southern's four schools were involved in the design of the program and were "instrumental in putting together a plan that would work well at Southern."

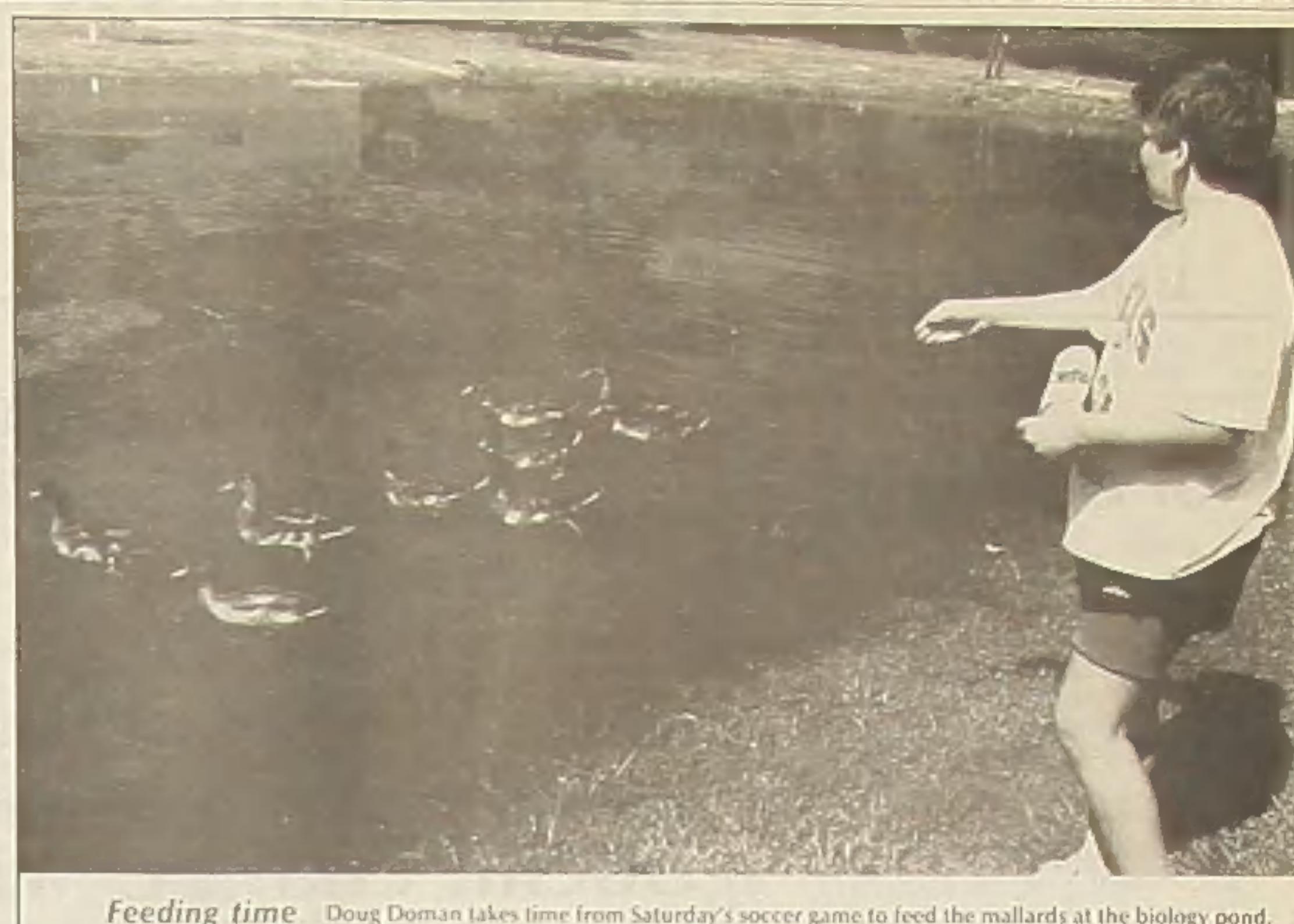
"We've done everything we can to protect the disciplinary content of the course itself," he said. "We're merely interested in the writing portion of the course. We won't be tampering with its contents at all."

"The Board of Regents will officially have to approve the plan," Belk said, "but this shouldn't be a problem because they've been kept up to date."

According to Relia Ketchum, Senate president, the College's administration has essentially adopted an ad-hoc committee's recommendations on ACT-COMP testing with some revisions.

The administration is considering the test's time and place. Committee suggestions to make the test more conducive for the students with regard to location and group size are being considered.

"Hopefully, they (students) will comply to take the test because it is very valuable to the College to get feedback on the proficiency of its programs," said Ketchum. "It doesn't affect the student in any way. It just takes time on their part. The test results don't figure in on their academic records, but they must take the test in order to graduate."



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# THE PUBLIC FORUM

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1989

## OUR EDITORIALS

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### Not enough

**M**issouri higher education's tax hike song and dance is taking center stage once again.

Sen. Harold Caskey is suggesting personal and corporate income tax increases that would generate \$73 million annually for colleges and universities, provided they work to eliminate duplicative programs among each other. While not a mere pittance, \$73 million will not do the trick. It's OK to be confident about the taxpayers' willingness to open their wallets to higher education, but if we are confident, let's make it worth our while. Citizens truly concerned with higher education will realize that Caskey's amount will not seriously address the financial problems of our state schools.

Under his proposal, Caskey talks about eliminating duplicative programs, but commutes the problem to the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. The CBHE has touched the subject, but has yet to define what state programs are unnecessarily duplicative. Certainly, deciding what programs are unnecessary at each institution would take a mountain of research, possibly wasting time and money in the process.

History can also teach us a lesson. Suggesting closure of a program important to an institution but deemed "duplicative" by the Coordinating Board could create, albeit on a smaller scale, the kind of hysteria forged by Shaila Aery in her Focus on the Future scenario, which included the closure of an entire university.

Caskey's plan may do little more than act as a stimulus for further discussion of higher education's financial sickness. For that much, we are grateful.

### Condoms—yes

**O**n yesterday's election ballot, students were asked to check yes or no to a question about installation of condom machines on campus.

At press time, votes were uncounted, and student opinion was unknown. However, we believe even the mere thought of posing the question to the students is a laudable move.

We have witnessed the damage done by AIDS; what about other sexually transmitted diseases? Equally important is the issue of unwanted pregnancy. Using a condom is an effective approach to preventing these problems.

That is why we must be bold and ignore the imminent criticism that usually accompanies moves like this. Realize that students will pay for the condoms, and that the state will in no way be condoning pre-marital sex.

The decision to bring the question to the students should be applauded.

### Denny makes 'uneducated assertion' about area

In regard to the article concerning the opening of the Carthage Academy of the Arts by a former student, William Denny (*The Chart*, "Southern graduate opens Carthage acting academy," Sept. 7, page 7).

I am sure Mr. Denny brings adequate credentials into the four-state area in the field of the performing arts. However, I take exception to his uneducated assertion that this area has "no professional type of course (theatre) here" and that "You will learn more (at this academy) about theatre than ever thought possible."

Mr. Denny may be knowledgeable about the theatre as a whole but he is profoundly mistaken about the training available to the aspiring actor or theatrical technician since he left the area in 1975.

No where in the article does he mention the fact that Missouri Southern provides the same comprehensive program that he seems to assert is unique to his venture. He states "...a student will be assured that if they wanted to go to any theatre, they will know what to do."

How ironic that in the same issue of *The Chart* directly under this article is a profile of a student at MSSC who "...shows expertise in all areas of theatre production..." Hmmm.

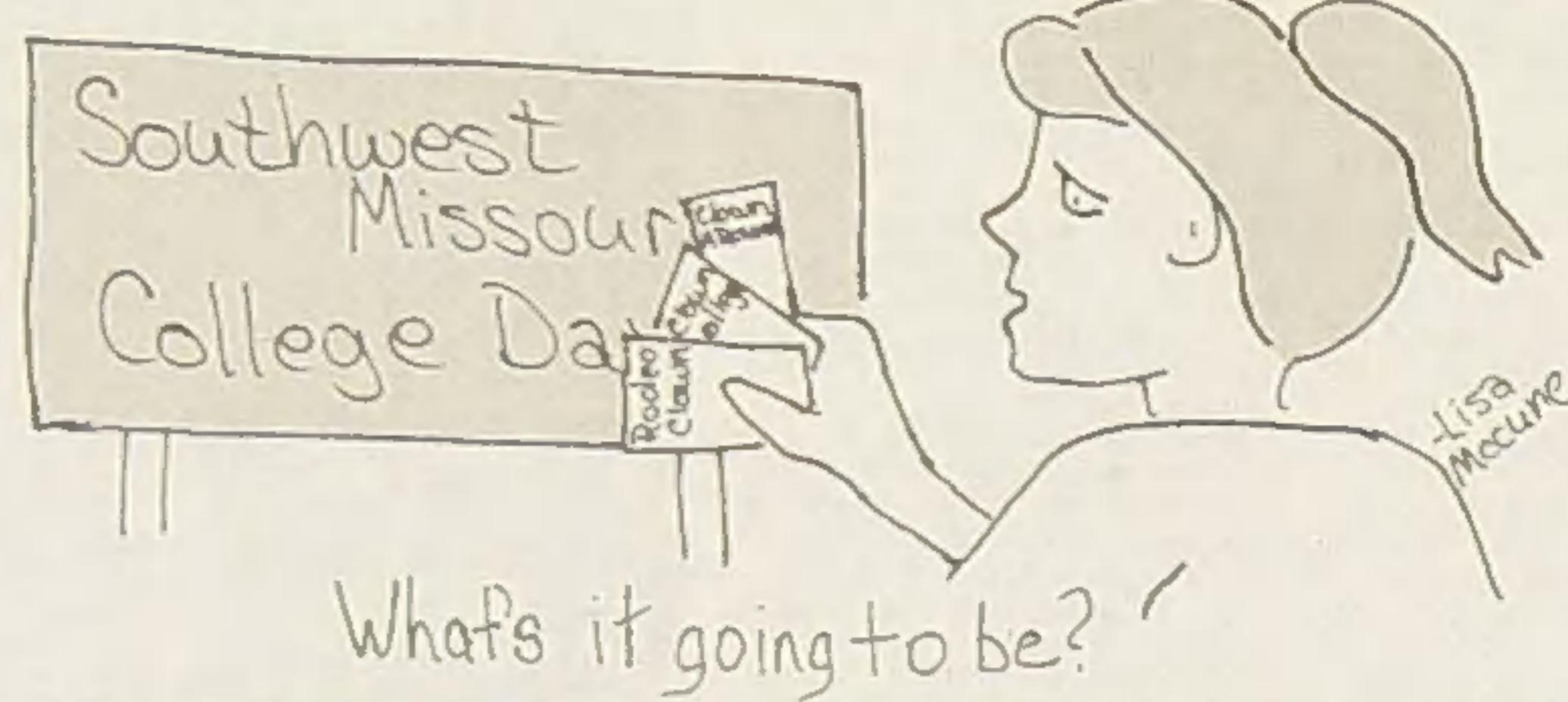
In addition, as an alumnus of Missouri Southern (class of '76), my training has given me the opportunity to work both as a professional in the theatre (Garden State Ballet, Trail of Tears) and as an instructor of theatre at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami, Okla. My position as technical director and acting instructor is a result of the "professional" training I received at MSSC. Our theatre department here, which has Brian Hauck as the Head of Theatre (class of '76) has, in the past year, seen our first year of students work as professional actors and technicians in a national commercial, Silver Dollar City, Theatre West Virginia, Tsa-La-Gi (Tablequah), Discoveryland, and Dogpatch, USA. This is not quite Broadway, but remember, these are first year students with already a substantial start on a professional resume.

Finally, Christopher Willard (NEO alumnus), Greg Green (MSSC alumnus), and I have had a professional theatre company in the area for two years. *Theatre* has utilized area talent from MSSC and NEO A&M to produce professional theatre that have attained critical acclaim. Our company will produce the Tulsa Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker* at Taylor Performing Arts Center in December.

With exceptional training provided by Dr. Jay Fields (Head of Theatre) at Missouri Southern and Brian Hauck at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M along with their respective staffs, I ask Mr. Denny to look beyond the surface before he concludes that this area "...has no professional type of course here, and the area is starved for artsy and craftsy things."

Thomas E. Green  
Class of 1976  
Technical Director-Theatre NEO  
Miami, Oklahoma

Remember: deadline for letters is noon Monday



### Social change will win war on drugs

BY JOHN FORD  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

**L**et's all get on the war against drugs bandwagon. Let's rid our beautiful nation of the most hideous menace since scarlet fever and polio! Let's...

Let's contribute more and more to the hypocrisy, political rhetoric, and image making of this phony war.

What good is it for politicians to make speeches to our nation's children on national television, when most of the people who needed to hear the message were cutting school and jacking crack in an alley? What good is it to establish a politician as head of the drug war, when he refuses to hear the impassioned pleas of law enforcement officers for more and better weaponry to fight the war?

When law enforcement officers go after suspected drug dealers, they are faced with fully automatic machine guns and pistols, a wide array of bombs and explosives, and communications equipment which would make the CIA green with envy. And, law enforcement officers often make the busts with the skimpiest of equipment. From Kevlar bullet-proof vests which may or may not stop rounds from an AK-47 or a Uzi, to small



#### EDITOR'S COLUMN

caliber handguns whose shells often ricochet off the windshields of the dealer's automobiles, our law enforcement officers are ill prepared to do their jobs. They are simply outgunned and outmanned.

This war on drugs is more than a little reminiscent of another war which we were not prepared to fight. Of course I'm talking of Vietnam, which was another war in which the government would not let us win.

If we are truly at war with the drug dealers, why not engage the entire armed forces, instead of just the Coast Guard? Surely the Navy could provide excellent assistance in capturing a bunch of dealers in a cigarette boat, while the Air Force would be invaluable in dogfights with marijuana-carrying Cessnas.

However, one alternative to this war just might be to make the stuff legal. Insane? Well, just consider it for a moment.

As we all know, this College is desperate for funding. Every department is clamoring for funds for some project or other. The biology laboratories need some equipment, the athletic department needs equipment, and KXMS could use an entire music library of rock'n'roll (just kidding).

If drugs were legalized, we could keep the price relatively high by imposing an enormous amount of "sin" taxes upon it. If we had just a small portion of these taxes set aside for higher education,

most departments on campus wouldn't even think of asking for funds, because the funds would be there. Think of it, New library books. A sports complex to rival the Big Eight conference schools. New equipment for *The Chart* and funding for Avalon (my ulterior motives are coming to the surface).

Why, even the advertising scene in America would change drastically. Just think of you and the kiddies gathered around the small screen when the following message comes over the airwaves: No stems, no seeds that you don't need/Acapulco Gold is mellow weed (thanks to Cheech and Chong for that advertising jingle).

I hate to burst the bubble here, but legalization just isn't the answer to the drug problem either. The answer to America's drug does not involve the military, or legalization, or increased law enforcement manpower and weaponry. No, our answer lies within ourselves.

The main cause for all the drug smuggling into the U.S. is the high demand for drugs. Let's take stock of our lives, and even if we are just casual users, let's kick the habit. It is only through dramatic social change, which does not come soon nor easy, will we kick our dependency on illicit drugs and rid our nation of the crime which drug use and dependency causes.

Well, all this talk of drugs has made me jittery for my daily fix. You see, I am addicted to a weak drug known as caffeine, which I partake of in the form of Folger's Mountain Grown.

a few people that moved away from her, that's because they are scared about the unknown. First you need to get your facts straight.

As far as Becky speaking about her problem to the orientation class, I don't blame her for not talking since she has had threats and abusive language towards her. I think she is a very brave person just to be able to talk about it.

James Grimmel

### Opinion is wrong

I felt compelled to write and applaud Becky Trotter. It takes "a lot of guts" to be on the front page of a paper with news like that. I am very sorry to hear she will not be speaking to the orientation classes. I feel it would do a great deal of good—and after reading about and hearing students' reactions to Ms. Trotter, it became more obvious to me that people need to be further educated about AIDS. I guess I mistakenly assumed people knew enough about AIDS to give support, or at least compassion, rather than "backlash." However, I am sure there are several students at Missouri Southern who gladly offer support and urge you, Ms. Trotter, to rethink your decision and speak to the orientation classes. I am one of those students. There are those of us who will stand beside you, literally and figuratively, and not be afraid. Again, I applaud you, and good luck.

Stephanie Zeka

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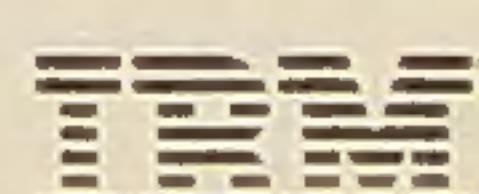
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# AROUND CAMPUS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1989

## Greek life 'enhances' adjustment to College

Carnahan says Greeks are necessary to campus

BY ANASTASIA UMLAND

CAMPUS EDITOR

**D**espite the criticism Greek life often gets, sororities and fraternities are seriously trying to rid themselves of the usual stereotypes.

"I think Greek life is a necessary part of the college community," said Doug Carnahan, director of student life. "It enhances a student's college career."

There are currently three national and one local Greek organizations at Missouri Southern. Nancy Disharoon, panhellenic adviser, said she thought the fall rush was successful. She is excited because the Greek system is building at Southern.

"We are trying something new this year to increase awareness of Greek life," she said. "Members of the organizations are speaking to the freshman orientation classes in hopes of teaching people what being Greek is all about and how it can help students adjust to college life, especially the freshmen."

Zeta Tau Alpha, Lambda Beta Phi, Sigma Nu, and Sigma Pi are active on campus at present. Two other organizations, Kappa Alpha and Delta Gamma, moved their charters to other campuses due to lack of membership. Disharoon said she hopes the existing groups will be successful and the Greek life will continue to grow.

"We are planning to have a big spring rush and invite girls from the local high schools to encourage them to join a sorority," she said.

"I would like to see the College eventually have Greek housing," said Carnahan. "It is a possibility that a section of the new dormitories will be separated for

the Greeks."

While Carnahan agrees that Greek life is not for everyone, he said the benefits of membership in a Greek organization last a lifetime.

"A fraternity or sorority can enhance a student's social life, provide professional contacts for the future, and contribute to campus life," he said.

"I see three major advantages to being Greek: it is a wonderful avenue for developing leadership skills and confidence; a common goal bonds people together more; and formal rush gives students an excellent opportunity to make friends and talk to people," said Disharoon.

According to Carnahan, the most common criticism of Greek life is the pledge period and initiation fees. A frequent complaint is the accusation of "paying for friends."

"Some fraternities are eliminating the pledge period all together," he said. "Students interested will be able to have direct membership. As far as the initiation dues, not many organizations are without a fee system of some type."

Perhaps the time fraternities and sororities are the most visible on campus is during Homecoming week. This is the time when members are actively building floats and supporting royalty candidates.

"All the members get really excited and involved during Homecoming," said Disharoon. "The Greeks really take a lot of pride during Homecoming."

In the past, the Greek system at Southern has been weak and somewhat unstructured. Carnahan attributes this fact to Southern being mainly a commuter college and the average age of students at the College being older.

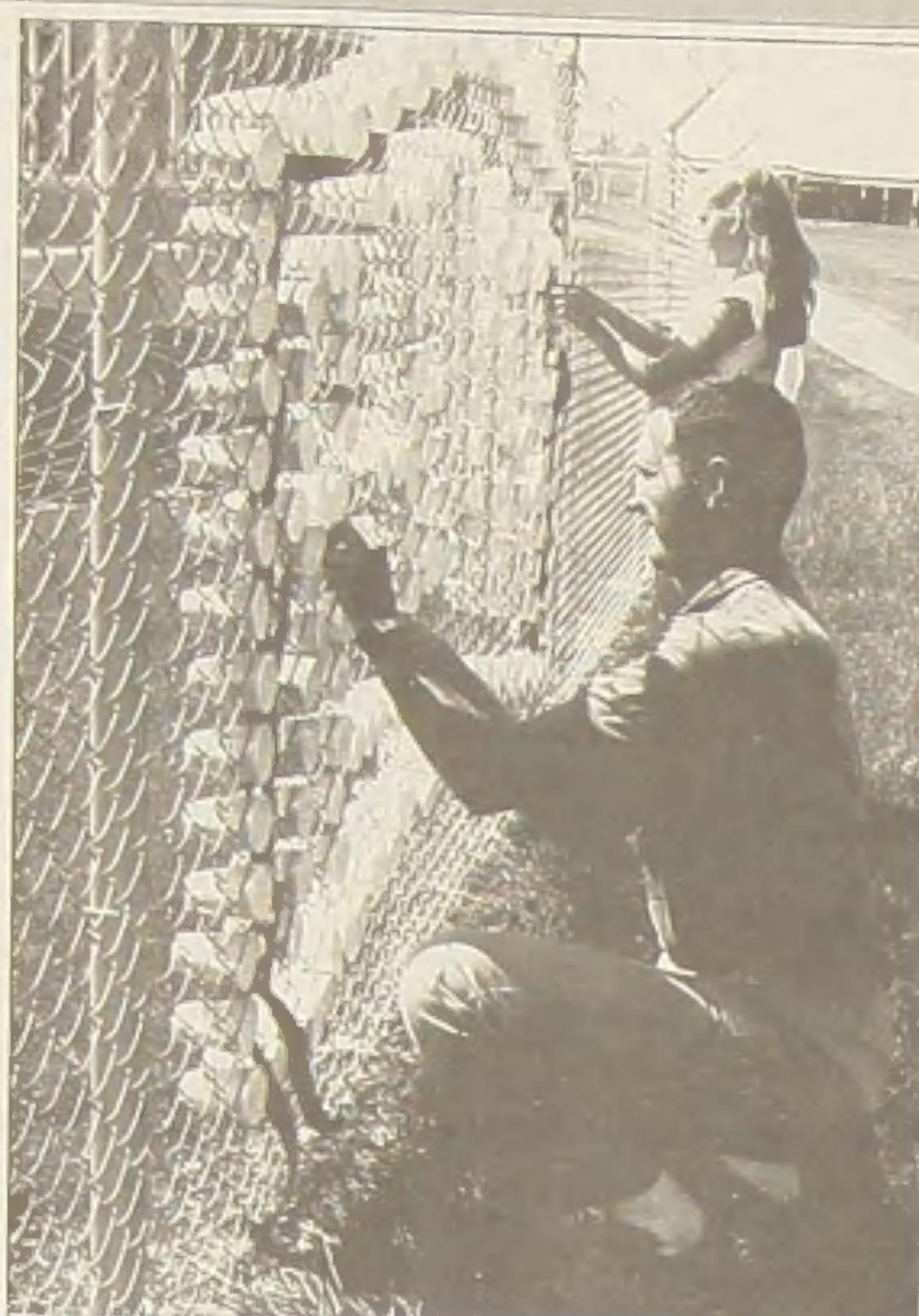
BY BRYAN BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

**F**ounded in 1963, the Learning Center strives to give academic help to all Missouri Southern students regardless of their academic standing.

The College provides several computers which are housed in the library and used frequently by the students. The Center is open during regular library hours.

"We do have some materials for students, if they wish them, that are connected to our reading classes and English classes," said Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center. Also available are disks for word processing and speed reading.

Some instructors put disks on reserve for students. The software may help stu-



Decorate

Major James Dunn and his daughter place cups in an ROTC design in the fence around Fred Hughes stadium prior to last Saturday's football game.

STAFF PHOTO BY NICK CUBLE

dents study or prepare for tests. Secretaries and the Center's staff assist students in the computer laboratory as needed.

"Tutoring is our best-known help," said Dolence. "The Center has seemed to gain acceptance for its tutoring program by the faculty."

Eileen Godsey is in charge of the tutoring. She makes sure tutors are qualified. This includes a recommendation by the head of a specific department.

Tutoring is available in all courses. There are more tutors for mathematics, writing, and science courses due to demand.

"In math, we have such a high demand we keep a schedule board so that students can sign up for whenever they want," Dolence said.

In other courses, students are required

to fill out an application for tutoring. Then they meet with their personal tutor and schedule an individual appointment.

When students have problems with writing, they are directed to James Brown, assistant professor of English. He does an analysis and diagnosis to determine where the problem lies. Punctuation and grammar errors are improved by use of computer drills.

Dolence said students should go to their instructors before seeking assistance in the Learning Center. If students are still not able to receive the help they need, then they are encouraged to use the tutoring program or other forms of help in the Center.

"All introductory-level math courses are on video tape," Dolence said. "The Center also has sample tests available in Math 20

## Club plans clean-up projects

BY BECKY JOHNSTON  
STAFF WRITER

**M**any activities the Biology Club has planned for the year may prove beneficial to the Missouri Southern campus.

The cleaning of the biology pond and the nature trail was planned for last weekend, but the two projects were cancelled as a result of rainy weather.

The club's meetings are tentatively scheduled for noon each Thursday. On the third floor of Reynolds Hall, near Room 317, a bulletin board has been placed specifically for club information.

"This is to inform interested students about upcoming activities, events, and members of the club," said Tim Marston, president of the club.

There will be approximately two major activities planned for each month. Included are designing a fresh-water aquarium for Reynolds Hall, visiting graduate schools, and other various weekend field trips. The club has scheduled a float trip for Sunday, Sept. 30.

"I think the biggest advantage of the club is that it allows students to associate with others of similar interests and it also gives students the chance to help out with projects that can be beneficial to themselves, the campus, and the community," Marston said.

The club presently has approximately 45 members. It costs \$3 each semester to belong.

Faculty advisers to the club are Wayne Stelbins and Dr. Sam Gibson, associate professors of biology.

## Center provides academic assistance

## Upcoming Events

<b>Today</b>	Koinonia Lunch 11 a.m. basement of dormitory building B		LDSSA Noon Room 314 BSC	Bicycle Club First ride 5:30 p.m. Begins at BSC All interested students welcome
<b>Tomorrow</b>	Board of Regents 1 p.m. Room 314 BSC	Deadline for registering Homecoming Royalty 4:30 p.m. Room 102 BSC \$15 fee	Soccer vs. University of Arkansas-Little Rock 5 p.m. Soccer Field	College Base Test Registration Deadline Room 102 BSC \$26 fee
<b>Weekend</b>	Teachers' Workshop 9 a.m. Room 113 Taylor Hall	Soccer at University of Missouri-Kansas City 1 p.m. Saturday	Southern Stampede Cross Country Meet Saturday morning Hughes Stadium	Football at Washburn University 7 p.m. Saturday
<b>Monday</b>	Undeclared Majors Workshop 2 p.m. Room 310 BSC through Wed.	Academic Policies 3 p.m. Room 306 BSC	Interviews Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. 7 p.m. Room 306 BSC	CAB Movie Lethal Weapon 7:30 & 9 p.m. Bam Theater
<b>Tuesday</b>	Orientation Leaders 7 a.m. Room 313 BSC	ECM Noon Room 310 BSC	College Republicans 12:15 p.m. Connor Ballroom	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ice Cream Social 11:30 a.m. House of Lords BSC	CAB 3 p.m. Room 310 BSC	Deadline for registration of parade entries 4:30 p.m. Room 102 BSC	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. Room 310 BSC

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**New instructor**

Benita Goldman, the College's new art instructor, has had some of her works draw rave reviews from a pair of Detroit newspapers. Her book, "Notes on My Works," was published recently.

## Art surrounds newlywed instructor

**Goldman expresses 'surprise' at dedication of her students at College**

BY KAREN BARKEY  
CHART REPORTER

**H**er recent marriage to a fellow artist means Benita Goldman's life revolves around art studios.

Missouri Southern's new instructor of drawing, painting, and printmaking is an exhibiting artist with numerous shows and awards to her credit. Her works have drawn reviews of "smashing" in *The Detroit News*; Marsha Miro, in the *Detroit Free Press*, identifies her as an artist with much promise.

"Painting can be frightening, exciting, and sometimes it can erupt and have its own energy," said Goldman. Her 6-foot by 4-foot, life-size portraits will be the focus of two one-person exhibitions in Michigan in 1990.

To envision her style, Goldman, in her *Notes On My Work*, said her work borrows from the traditions of German expressionism and abstract expressionism. Miro describes Goldman's style as incorporating intense and dissonant color schemes. Rock groups resemble Della Robbia-like friezes, and the artist paints herself and her studio in a punk age.

"Art is a philosophy," said Goldman. "Artists can't just be dumb and paint in class, but have to know how the world

works. Artists today have to not only be good at their skill, but have to be business people to be able to market their works."

Detroit's Broadway Gallery represents Goldman professionally, showing and marketing her paintings. One of her works hangs in the permanent collection of Eastern Michigan University. Another has been purchased for the corporate headquarters of Michigan Bell.

"I think it is challenging to excel in all areas," said Goldman, who has the distinction of making the 1988 National Dean's list. "I wouldn't want artists to get lazy and rest only on their talents."

The desire to teach where she felt she could make a difference brought Goldman to Southern. She said she is impressed with Southern as an "excellent" institution. She noted that the Spiva Art Center is a fine gallery—competitive with any gallery she has seen.

"I was prepared for the art students to not have a clear sense of what's happening in the world," she said, "but they are pretty well informed."

She also expressed "surprise" and "pleasure" at the dedication of her students and the amount of non-class time they are willing to put into their work.

Teaching offers a certain structure and a more analytical element than Goldman

finds as an exhibiting artist. The human interaction in teaching is important to her.

"I really care about art and helping other people find their potential," she said. "I care about having a hand in crafting talented artists for the next generation."

Goldman married William Johnson, a native Kansas artist, on Aug. 11. She and Johnson both studied at the Center For Creative Studies College of Art and Design in Detroit. Goldman completed her post-graduate work at Eastern Michigan University.

Born and reared in the Detroit area, Goldman finds Joplin a pleasant change of pace.

"You are always under stress in the city," she said. "Things seem so placid and relaxed here."

On her list of local benefits are the wide variety of shopping available and the absence of mosquitoes or heavy traffic.

Bicycling gives Goldman the opportunity to explore her new community. It also gives her the chance to rescue turtles from Joplin's roadways—collecting them in her bike basket and depositing them in a grassy area out of harm's way.

"It's not like living in Detroit," she said.

## Film features comic duo

**W**hat may be billed as Laurel and Hardy's funniest feature, *Way Out West*, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billings Student Center.

Sponsored by the Missouri Southern Film Society, it is the first program of the 28th annual International Film Festival.

Describing the story, Kash said, "Aboard a stagecoach, the duo try to deliver a deed for land to the daughter of a deceased friend. Attempting to be charming, Hardy constantly annoys a lady who turns out to be the wife of a sheriff. They have until sun-up to get out of town. In their good-natured manner, they deliver the deed to the

wrong girl, for they have been sonned by the owners of the saloon where the real daughter works. Laurel and Hardy attempt to get back the deed through a hilarious burglary. Of course they get beaten, kicked, dropped, and almost tickled to death in the process."

To round out the program, the silent comedy short *La Petite Lille* will be shown. According to Kash, it is a rollicking French satire on the sweet-and-pure heroine epitomized by Mary Pickford of silent screen fame.

Season tickets for the eight-film series are on sale at \$6 for adults and \$4 for senior citizens or students. Single admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens or students.



Western spoof Stan Laurel stars in the comedy, "Way Out West."

## New York trip to offer 'whirlwind' experience

BY DIANE VAN DERA  
STAFF WRITER

**D**uring the upcoming spring break, Missouri Southern students will have a chance to take a bite of the "Big Apple" in New York City.

The continuing education office, in conjunction with the theatre and art departments, is offering the March 10-17

"New York City is a wild place to be," said Dr. Jay Fields, theatre director. "There's a lot of freedom. Everyday something is planned, if they want to be a part of it."

Some of the activities on the agenda include tours of the Twin Towers, Wall Street, and the New York Stock Exchange.

atre. And they're just people who love the theatre, and they're more than happy to be a part of getting us what we want to see."

Hill said, "It was a great experience. There's a lot more I understand about theatre now. I learned a lot of the business side, not the how-to's of putting the things together."

"It's hard to explain," he added. "I had a lot of expectation of what theatre was like in New York; sometimes they were met. Sometimes they weren't, but it kind of defines it (Southern Theatre) now."

Fields said, "The theatre kids either get to New York and realize that this is where they want to be—that's a really exciting place and they want to go back there and live, or they get there and realize that it's

**"So when we go to New York, we're just people that love the theatre. And they're just people who love the theatre, and they're more than happy to be a part of getting us what we want to see."**

—Dr. Jay Fields, theatre director

Other attractions include the Staten Island Ferry, the Statue of Liberty, and museums.

"Most of the time the kids get to New York and don't like the planned things and want to take off on their own, which is fine," Fields said. "You don't see them again until the theatre because the seats are all together."

Fields said many of the students go to Sardi's and Mama Leone's, which he described as "just tourist traps."

Doug Hill, a senior who went on the trip two years ago, said, "There was one afternoon when I walked around Central Park and just wandered through enjoying it was a joy or just taking in the experience because there's nothing like it. It's a completely different thing to go to New York."

Four shows are included in the trip, including *Phantom of the Opera*. Students also will have the opportunity to see five more shows at their own expense.

After each show, the group is invited to move to the front rows of the theatre for a "talk-back," a question-and-answer session with the show's designer, director, stage manager, and sometimes the entire cast.

Some students on last year's trip received backstage passes to the *Phantom of the Opera*.

"Theatre people in New York are just like people anywhere," said Fields. "You get this idea that they're big names and big stars. They're just people who are out to make a living, except that they just happen to make a living in the theatre."

"So when we go to New York," he added, "we're just people who love the the-

atre and they're just people who love the theatre, and they're more than happy to be a part of getting us what we want to see."

According to Fields, one of the important things taught the students is how to ride the subway.

"It's very confusing in New York, and if you don't know the subway stations, you can get lost real easily," he said.

Each person is supplied with a flash map of New York, and there are meetings before the trip to show how to use it.

The Flash map is a book of almost 100 pages with mapped sections of New York, including Greenwich Village, Broadway, museum locations, and top restaurants.

Space is available on the trip for 25 students, with five reservations already booked. Anyone interested in going may sign up for the one-week course through continuing education.

The approximate cost of the class, including the trip, is \$750, payable in three installments due in November, January, and February. The price includes round-trip airfare, ground transportation to and from the airport, hotel accommodations, tickets to four plays, and the flash map. Each person will be responsible for his or her own meals and souvenirs.

Anyone interested in the trip may contact Fields at Ext. 300 or Dr. Jerry Williams, director of continuing education, at Ext. 308.

People who have some interest in theatre, art, museums, dance—the kind of thing that only New York can offer—should go," said Fields.

However, he warned, "It's not a relaxing trip. New York is a whirlwind."

## Coming Attractions

<b>Joplin</b>	<b>"Costumes as Communication" Exhibition</b> Sunday thru Oct. 22 Spiva Art Center Call 623-0183	<b>Midwest Gathering of the Artists</b> Saturday and Sunday Flatlander Gallery Carthage Call 417-358-9018	<b>The Statler Brothers</b> 8 p.m. Tomorrow Memorial Hall	<b>"Way Out West" International Film Festival</b> 7:30 p.m. Tuesday BSC Connor Ballroom
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# THE SPORTS SCENE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 21, 1989

## Lions meet Washburn

**F**ollowing last Saturday's 35-7 loss to Northwest Missouri State, Coach Jon Lantz thought his team's morale might be in trouble.

"But I saw the team hustle all the way through the fourth quarter," he said. "Everyone has setbacks and I expected the players to give up, but I saw them hustling."

Lantz said the Lions did as well as could be expected at this stage of the season. He refuses to give up on the team.

"The guys feel like no one cares because of their poor record in years past," Lantz said. "I care about these guys and try to relate to them as people and not just as players."

With a 1-3 record, the Lions are preparing for Saturday's 7 p.m. contest at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan. The Ichabods dropped Southern 35-23 last season.

"I am not really concerned with the game. I am more concerned with us," Lantz said. "I don't really think there is a revenge factor; the team just needs the win to boost morale."

"I know the team wants to win, but we are still in a transitional period," said Alan Brown, senior quarterback. "Coach Lantz has done a great job; we are going to do the best we can."

Defensive tackle Kevin Glenn said he is hoping for revenge against Washburn.

"I think the team is let down because of the last two losses, but if we can get the tide turned around, winning will cure everything," he said.

Lantz said the Lions are improving their defense, but he still thinks the team has some work to do.

"We have a long way to go, on both sides of the ball," he said. "We are getting better, though. The guys are working hard."

The main concern of Lantz at the present time is what the players are getting out of the games and the sport itself. He said he hopes the team has "bottomed out" because then they can go up."

"I think the pressure is on to turn around overnight," Lantz said. "Even if we win, if they guys do not get anything out of the game, we are a failure."

Lantz said the strength of the team is its desire to excel. He said he refuses to give up on the players because they have been given up on before.

"I do not concentrate all my energy on pushing the team to win, win, win," he said. "I believe the values the game teaches you enhances your life."



**Full force** Jeff Malasek (right) clears the ball during Saturday's 2-0 victory against Southeast Missouri State.

STAFF PHOTO BY MARK ANGELL

## Soccer Lions to face Division I foes

**F**or the second year in a row, the Missouri Southern soccer Lions lost to Southwest Missouri State University, falling 2-1 in Springfield last night.

"SMS is kicking butt and taking names," said Jack Spurlin, head coach. "I expected them to be a real terror."

Last year, SMS beat the Lions here 4-3. This year's loss brings Southern's record to 3-1-1. Spurlin said this game against the Bears began the "meat" of the schedule.

"I am happy the game was so close," he said. "I think it is a good thing to play a Division I school and have the score so close."

Saturday, the Lions defeated Southeast Missouri State University 2-0 at home. Two of Southern's players were ejected from the game, which Spurlin called "very physical."

The refereeing was really bad," he said. "The refs let things get out of hand. We played a good, solid game with strong

defense. SEMO only had three shots against us."

The Lions will begin a brief home stint tomorrow when they host the University of Arkansas-Little Rock at 5 p.m. and the University of Missouri-Kansas City at 1 p.m. Saturday. Spurlin believes the Lions will "survive" the more difficult games.

"Playing all these Division I schools so close together is real scary, but the guys believe they can play this level of soccer," he said. "Win or lose, we will make a respectable showing against the Division I schools."

"It is kind of a no-lose situation for me as a coach. If they (the Division I opponents) win, they should; if we win, we have everything to gain."

Spurlin said Little Rock will prove to be a "pretty salty team." He foresees UMKC as being "out for revenge."

"UMKC tied us last year, so of course they are out for us," he said. "Every team

in the conference wants revenge on the team that beat or tied them last year."

Next Wednesday, the Lions will travel to Tulsa to play Oral Roberts University at 3:30 p.m. Spurlin said the team hopes for another victory over ORU.

As the Lions move to the halfway mark of their season, Spurlin said he has been pleased with the team's defense and the offense "will eventually come together."

"We have only scored seven goals in the last four games. I am not sure what has been our problem on offense, whether it is lack of concentration or just we have been unlucky," he said.

Spurlin stands by his idea of this season being one of highs and lows as the Lions move into the heart of their schedule.

"We are doing fairly well for as young as we are. With young players, you have to expect young mistakes. I am not forecasting the rest of the season; we will take each game as it comes," he said.

## My Opinion



If anyone can bring respect, it's Jon Lantz

**N**ot since the first four years of Missouri Southern football (1968-71) have the Lions posted four consecutive losing seasons. Regrettably, if this year's team cannot finish with at least a .500 mark that school record will be tied.

It all started late in 1985 when Jim Frazier handed over the reigns of a team that had gone 6-4 to defensive coordinator Rod Giesemann.

As head coach, Giesemann's opening season produced a lackluster 2-7 record. The sequel in 1987 only scripted one more win as the Lions finished 3-7.

When Giesemann was replaced by Charlie Wade last season, most people thought Wade was the leader who could ease Southern football into the rigors of NCAA Division II.

Unfortunately for all parties involved, the Charlie Wade era at Southern never materialized. Eighteen days before the Southern season opener he abandoned his position.

This left defensive coordinator Bill Cooke as his obvious successor. Cooke managed only a 3-7 mark but did turn out five players who received mention in *The Football Gazette* as All-Americans. More importantly, Cooke kept the pulse alive in a program in need of major surgery.

Enter Jon Lantz, named last year's NAIA coach of the year while guiding Southeastern Oklahoma State University to a perfect 9-0 regular season before being knocked off by Adams State College in the quarterfinals of the NAIA playoffs.

In three years as the Savages' mover and shaker, Lantz compiled a 21-9-2 record.

Even more impressive than his accolades last season, when he took over the Southeast program in 1986 Lantz promptly posted the school's first winning season in 10 years by going 7-3.

Now Lantz is expected to perform his Albert Schweitzer-like miracles at Missouri Southern.

Please do not fall into the trap of thinking that a miracle cure can mend all the wounds of our football team.

This team has problems that only time can mend. Time to adjust to new offensive and defensive schemes and time for players young and old to develop working relationships with the new staff.

Most of all, time is required for Jon Lantz to develop members of his squad into NCAA-caliber players.

Although it is doubtful the Lions will go 7-3 *ala* Lantz's initial season at Southeast, it is realistic that they could snap that nasty string of futility at three seasons.

The rehabilitation started with Southern's downing of MIAA doormat Lincoln in the season opener.

Then in their first road game of the year, a mild setback occurred as the Lions fell to the MIAA pre-season favorite Southeast Missouri.

In game three Missouri Southern bowed in Northwest Missouri in a game that welcomed the Lions into Division II of the NCAA.

Currently 1-2, Southern hits the road Saturday to take on Washburn University. A win at Topeka could go a long way in establishing a .500 or better record for the Lions.

While contemplating Southern's chances, here's a bit of trivia for you.

In 1971, Southern's fourth straight losing season also was the Missouri Southern head coaching debut of Jim Frazier. One year later Frazier led the Lions to an unblemished 12-0 season and a national title.

Now, I am not saying Jon Lantz can build a national championship team in two years, but I do feel if anyone can bring Missouri Southern football back to respectability, Lantz is the man. Wouldn't it be nice to just be respected?

□ Mark Etter is a senior communications major.

## Lady Lions anticipate 'tough' weekend tournament

BY T. ROB BROWN  
STAFF WRITER

**U**pcoming MIAA games could prove to be "tough competition" for the Lady Lions volleyball team.

The team will play at Central Missouri State University this weekend, one of two MIAA tournaments for the team.

"Everyone's pretty tough," said Debbie Traywick, head coach, "and they have good, solid teams. It's really hard to say who'll win, because it's going to be good, solid volleyball. If we play well, we'll do all right; but if we don't play, we'll struggle."

The Lady Lions' first game in the tournament will be at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow against Southeast Missouri State University. At 6:30 p.m. Southern will play

Missouri Western. The Lady Lions have not faced either of these opponents yet.

"CMSU will be strong," said Traywick. "They're always strong. Missouri Western will be tough, because they have a very good volleyball program."

According to Missy Beveridge, sophomore outside hitter, the MIAA opponents may be surprised with the talent of the Lady Lions.

"If we play as good as we did last Friday," Beveridge said, "we can beat anyone at the tournament."

Karen Doak, senior server, said the team was passive last year, but is more aggressive now.

Last weekend, Southern hosted the 1989 Pro-Am Athletics Volleyball Invitational. The Lady Lions earned third place in the tournament, defeating Southwestern

College and Arkansas Tech University. They lost to Southern Nazarene University.

"I think we should have beaten Southern Nazarene in the semifinals," Traywick said. "Our team is young this year, with mostly freshmen and sophomores. The team we played was all seniors, and I think in the end we were overcame a little bit."

Traywick said the team played hard but was disappointed with the losses.

"We had outstanding hitting percentages and a lot of aces in their serves," she said. "All of our players are strong."

Traywick said Danielle Bishop is strong in passing. Nico Cockrell is strong in blocking. Cheryl Doak's strength is serving. Missy Beveridge is a strong outside hitter, and Marian Hatten also is a strong outside hitter. Every player has a special-

ty, according to Traywick.

The Lady Lions have a few injuries, but Traywick does not think the team will be slowed.

"We have a couple of shoulder [injuries] and a couple of knee [injuries]," Traywick said, "besides that, we don't have anything major. Just some chronic injuries that are kind of bugging us right now, but hopefully we can get them well and everything will be all right."

The Lady Lions have few games left in their season. Traywick is hoping the team will improve and finish the season with a decent record.

"Hopefully we'll do better," Traywick said. "We may stay the same, it just depends on the tournament. Each one is different, the competition's different, and it's still a little early to tell."

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